

## Greening Tetbury (GT)

Virtual Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on Zoom [19:30 –21:15]  
Minutes prepared by Judi Marshall

Chaired by Fergus

Present: Fergus Dignan (Trustee), Adrian Hill, Anne Cox (Trustee), Ben Jackson (Trustee), Charlotte Rushton, Emmanuelle Paulson, Gracie Fickling, John Turton, Judi Marshall, Lily Paulson, Mary Winsome, Nikki Ind and Rosemary Bailey (Trustee - from 20:45).

### 1 MINUTES OF 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 MEETING

Corrections were made by Nikki Ind to Item: 8.5.1

Will Cook is NOT on the Tetbury Town Council.

Tetbury Town Council, rather than Glorious Grasslands, are preparing areas ahead of wildflower planting.

With these, the Minutes were approved. Proposed: Gracie; Seconded: Mary

Matters arising from the 5<sup>th</sup> May Minutes

- (1) Doughnut E. event (19<sup>th</sup> May), feedback Noel  
As Noel was not present, there was no discussion of this

- (2) Doughnut video. YouTube/Instagram Noel/Gracie

Gracie: Has put the video from the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 GT discussion of Doughnut Economics on Instagram a while ago. It needs to go on to the GT website. It has been decided not put it on YouTube as that would require creating a new account.

#### **ACTION**

**Gracie** to send video to **Maggie** to put on the website.

### 2 CAFÉ GET TOGETHERS

NOEL

The first had been on Sat 10 July at Wild Carrot.

This provided good opportunities for people to meet up in a suitable venue with lots of space and some links to sustainability. It was kind of Wild Carrot to host the get-together. It would be good to have get-togethers at varied times to allow people to meet, and to meet in town sometimes.

### 3 STRUCTURE OF GT (INFO/DISCUSSION) ROSEMARY/CHARLOTTE

An outline of GT's structure had been circulated with the Agenda

Charlotte: She had met GT's Trustees to discuss how Earth Protector Status is reflected across the organization and action groups

The Umbrella Steering Group, on which the 6 Action Groups are represented, addresses more strategic issues.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be Thursday 22 July

Discussion suggested that communications pathways amongst GT members are not that clear.

Anne is concerned that she collects interesting information about events in Gloucestershire that might be of interest to GT members, or petitions that people might like to support, but there isn't a way for her to

send it to people – either specific people tailored to their interests, or to everyone – as she does not have people’s email addresses.

Charlotte: The action groups have not yet decided who are their ‘representatives’/ link people, who will attend Steering Group meetings and act as networking points for information.

Fergus is the holder of email addresses. Security issues involved in this.

Gracie: We have tried several times asking people to fill in their contact details on Google Docs so that email addresses etc can be shared more widely, but this has not happened, people not willing to do so.

Nikki: If timescales are not short, info can be put into the Newsletter.

Ben: Facebook is probably the right place for notification of petitions. The Newsletter and Meetings can convey other information. It is difficult to make our emails public amongst the group. Each person can build up email addresses they get to know.

Website. Fergus and Maggie are currently the only 2 people who see the GT email address for items for the Website. Gracie can upload to the Website too. Anne could be added and able to do this.

#### **ACTION**

**Anne** to consider if she wants to lodge items on the GT Website and contact **Maggie** if does.

**Fergus** to ask Action Group link people’s permission to give their email addresses to **Anne**.

Judi asked whether the Action Groups are still the preferred structure as some discussion at the Steering Group Meeting that followed the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 suggested that the Website should become project based.

Emmanuelle: Prefers the structure of Action Groups rather than loose projects.

Charlotte: Agreed with Emmanuelle, and Earth Protector Status criteria favour action groups of this kind, even if they interlink.

Fergus: The Website can be more project based and the Action Groups continue – ie the latter should continue on the Website.

## **4 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (INFO)**

**FERGUS**

It is overdue for people to renew their monetary donations.

An Annual Return sent to HMRC resulted in a Gift Aid contribution of £447.

Gracie: You do not have to repeat the Gift Aid form if you have already done it

#### **ACTION**

**Fergus** to email a reminder for people to renew their membership donations.

## **5 BART RIVER FEEDBACK (INFO)**

**BEN**

BART is hoping to get funding to do a proper upper Avon survey.

Anne: There was water sampling the weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> July. She sampled at the north end of the stream in Preston Park. Phosphate was quite low. Nitrate was at the highest level - from farming and fertilizer use, prompts more nettle growth,

Kimberley and Anne about to do a survey in Preston Park and of plants too. Wed 14 July at 10 am at Goods Shed – volunteers welcome.

## 6 REPAIR SHOP (DISCUSSION)

BEN

Nikki: The Lions Club and Men in Sheds are going to start activities in the Youth Club pod. Initially it will just be carpentry. Doing so in partnership with the Tetbury Town Council Health and Wellbeing Group, where there will be further discussions .

## 7 TTC CLIMATE STRATEGY GROUP (INFO)

BEN/JOHN

Ben: Have been 2 meetings since GT meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

*Energy related items:*

SW Energy Hub and scheme for low income families. Not up and running yet. Possible grants for public sector energy projects. Possibly CDC as part of Climate Strategy action.

Severn Wye Energy

Free energy analyses for small businesses. Warm and Well. Possible grants, via assessments. Can access through CDC website.

<https://severnwye.org.uk>

<http://warmandwell.co.uk> – for Warm and Well - Free energy efficiency advice – how to access grants

When schemes are up and running, can publicise more

**ACTION**

**Maggie** to put links on GT website

TTC website now has more climate strategy information, although this is still more GCC than TTC.

*CDC is currently consulting on its Green Infrastructure Strategy - Live on website.*

Ben: This will feed into planning. Including access to public green spaces. Cotswold has a relative shortage as an area. Issues of accessibility as well as increasing the area. There is a separate area on the website for Tetbury.

Ben: Concerned re traffic speeds in relation to access to green spaces. Considering if can find land for access for youth. Wanting to put a proposal forward. Welcoming discussion about this.

**ACTION**

**Ben** to invite discussion via GT Facebook and repost on Instagram

*Possibility of a dark sky event.* Concerns raised by Maggie and Judith Taylor that lot of light pollution in town, for example businesses leaving lights on overnight. Need to promote idea of turning lights off. Anne's idea – a night sky event. Possibly to tie into Cop 26 (Glasgow 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021). Can put literature out to local businesses.

Fergus: there will be security issues

Nikki: Think some people have not thought about it, and want to prompt them to. Eg could encourage them to put lights on a timer, and direct attention to potential savings.  
Could be part of the annual plan in partnership with the TTC Climate Action Group.

### *Community fridge*

Nikki: pleased successful in getting funding, which should allow to run the fridge for two years.  
It's not only about supporting people who are struggling, it's also about not wasting food generally.  
Biggest issue is where to site it. Will be at back of Town Council offices, covered by security lights and CCTV. Are considering what to do. Possibly start small, eg a couple of days a week. Will need to make connections to local supermarkets and cafes about using surplus food. Possibilities of working with volunteers and local communities, creating distribution networks.  
Could make a lot of difference for a lot of residents.

Via CHAT Emmanuelle suggested doing a cooking event as a launch for the community fridge, using waste food. Several people replied supporting this idea.  
Suggestion from Mary: Produce recipe cards and cooking directions

### *Green community bonds*

Nikki: CDC is considering launching green community bonds.  
CDC has been successful in getting a Government grant to help make public buildings more environmentally efficient. Including Cotswolds Leisure Centre and a building at Broadway.

## 8 FARMERS TALK (INFO/DISCUSSION) FERGUS

22 Sept. – meeting with three farmers as speakers: To be held at the Goods Shed  
John Meadley (Chair of the Pasture-Fed Organisation), Sophia Ashe & Farmer Fred (Close Farm)

GT need to publicise it. It is already on the Goods Shed website  
Need posters and for it to be put on social media sites and on website  
Need to sell tickets - £7.50 – buy via Goods Shed. Capacity about 120 (bearing in mind Covid)  
Limited liability of approx. £50 if tickets not sold. After they have covered their costs, the Goods Shed will share any surplus with GT.

Fergus will continue coordinating this - eg re website, posters, ensuring tickets are sold

### **ACTION**

**Fergus** to continue organizing and ask for others' input

## 9 SUSTAINABLE SHERSTON (SS): SHARING INFORMATION (DISCUSSION) GRACIE

Gracie: Link made via Eleanor. SS have asked about sharing resources between GT and themselves  
Eg tables, educational materials (Donut Economics video, Charlotte's info on reducing single use plastic)  
Could do a mutual event/ project sometime  
Anne: mostly info on our website – so could put links on each other's websites  
Ben: could have a link person who gets SS postings and passes on to GT  
Fergus: Can SS take info from our website and use it?  
There was general agreement that people are happy for this to happen

### **ACTION**

**Gracie** to feedback to SS

## 10 PAINT THE TOWN GREEN FEEDBACK (DISCUSSION) MARY

Mary: Thank you especially to Charlotte, Lily and Kimberley for co-organizing this with Mary. Special mention to Kimberley for the wonderful homemade prize bags from recycled material and to Lizzie Walkley for her support with the design of our literature, flag and teeshirts for the event.

It was relatively successful – it was a lot of work, but it was worth it.

There was good collaboration with the Council (Flew the GT Flag; Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Crier attended, as did Kevin Painter, Councillor, who took photos and wrote articles in the Standard) and St Mary's Primary school who judged the displays around the Town and also presented the prizes to the winners. Mary is preparing a 'thank you' picture poster to present to the children of St Mary's. GT had an increased social media profile because of 'Paint the Town Green'. Thanks also to the social media team, Maggie, Gracie and Lily.

Thanks to all who helped with the stall at the Market Place on the Saturdays and all those who supported us.

Now need to decide re the GT Tshirts. Bought 10 @ £18 each.

Do we want to have a pool of T shirts that people can access or for people to take them individually and pay £10 each for them.

Ben and Lizzie did a stall at the weekend – see AOB. It would help to know where things are, to have the T shirts all in one place or know where they are, so available to more people

Ben: happy to purchase one and make it available to others

Want to buy: Gracie, Mary, Fergus

Lily: like idea of a pool, so can be used when needed at an event. Happy to pay and still share it.

Gracie: organization is needed if people have them individually

Fergus: happy for some people to buy and keep. Ben: then should pay full price – others agreed

Someone could take care of pool ones and wash

### **ACTION**

**Mary** to review comments above and decide what next to do with the Tshirts.

GT needs a kit: table for a stall and display board, that readily transportable

Anne: has a lightweight tressle table – willing to keep it make it available or donate it

People said 'thank you' for this

Printed material

We now have a flag

Imp to publicise through posters, social media

Learning from Paint the Town Green:

Saturday Stall time – would be better 10.30 to 15.30.

Quizzes good to attract people to the stall.

Sticky notes for suggestions of action needed were a good format. What to do with them now? Top items include better bus service.

Discuss at the next meeting, to be an agenda item.

### **ACTION**

**Mary** to initiate discussion about the Sticky note comments made on the GT stall

Are we going to have Paint the Town Green every year? Can discuss at Trustees and Steering Group meeting

Had good links to other events – inc Count on Nature

A GT member suggested next time to ask people what they are going to commit to – and go back and see what they have done

Anne: could have sheet with possible ideas.

Mary: Lily had produced a brilliant sheet of suggestions for what people could put on their GT cards when signing up to Paint the Town Green.

Many Thanks were expressed to Mary for coordinating the event

**ACTION**

**Trustees and Steering Group** to discuss whether to do Paint the Town Green again

## 11 COUNT ON NATURE EVENT FEEDBACK (INFO) ROSEMARY

This happened on 12<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's.

Rosemary: It was a beautiful day and the event was well-attended – by visitors and members of the congregation.

The count generated a vast volume of data to upload to a national data base  
Links to people who have signs up saying 'I am wilding my garden'.

## 12 TIP OF THE MONTH (INFO) ROSEMARY

Respecting the countryside when walking through it  
Related to the New Countryside Code, which has a less punitive tone

Rosemary: Some people would associate mowing a churchyard with respect for the dead. Need gentle persuasion. Labelling helps – as in 'I am wilding my garden'. Could do so saying 'in association to GT'?

Nikki: And developing the verges – as in Long Newton – takes time  
There are some great examples in gardens along Northfield Road

Anne: Could become part of the National Gardens Scheme

Nikki: Tetbury in Bloom usually to have an open garden day – could take part in that

Ben: Closer links with T in B would be good

**ACTION**

**Ben** to make contact with Sue Hurst of Tetbury in Bloom

## 13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Lizzie and Ben put together a stall for TETFEST

Ben: There was not a lot of direct interest, but did get a new member for GT, and it provided presence and representation. Would have helped to have something to draw people in – as the quizzes did for Paint the Town Green.

(b) During the meeting, discussions arose about the nature of GT's connections with other organizations, especially those which are for-profit. Some of whom might want to become GT members. Might GT's activities, including using somewhere as a venue, imply an affiliation with or endorsement of another organization, perhaps unintentionally?

It was decided that these issues warrant further discussion.

**ACTION**

**Fergus** to organize a meeting for interested people to discuss this, preferably face to face.  
From that discussion, proposals can be put to a general GT meeting.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**